

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Description of amendments

Claims 1, 2, 4-10, 13, and 15 are now pending and under examination. Applicants have amended claim 1. No new matter has been added.

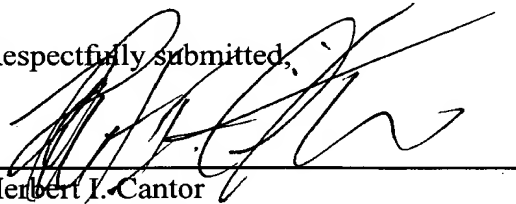
Applicants respectfully submit that claim 1, as amended, is patentable over the references cited in the Office Action because, in addition to the reasons discussed in the Reply of April 28, 2004, none of the cited references disclose "lubrication with a lubricating oil containing a fluoro-containing polymer, a grease containing a fluoro-containing polymer, and in an atmosphere containing a gas comprising fluorides...."

If there are any questions regarding this amendment or the application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated since this should expedite the prosecution of the application for all concerned.

If necessary to effect a timely response, this paper should be considered as a petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response, and please charge any deficiency in fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 05-1323 (CAM #: 038921.49472US).

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